

Who?

Commuters and tourists who travel US 53 between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls will be affected by construction on US 53.

What?

US 53 traffic will be switched to the new US 53 roadway via the Chippewa County OO interchange loop.

Where?

The new roadway is east of existing US 53/WIS 124, Shopko, and Farm & Fleet between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls.

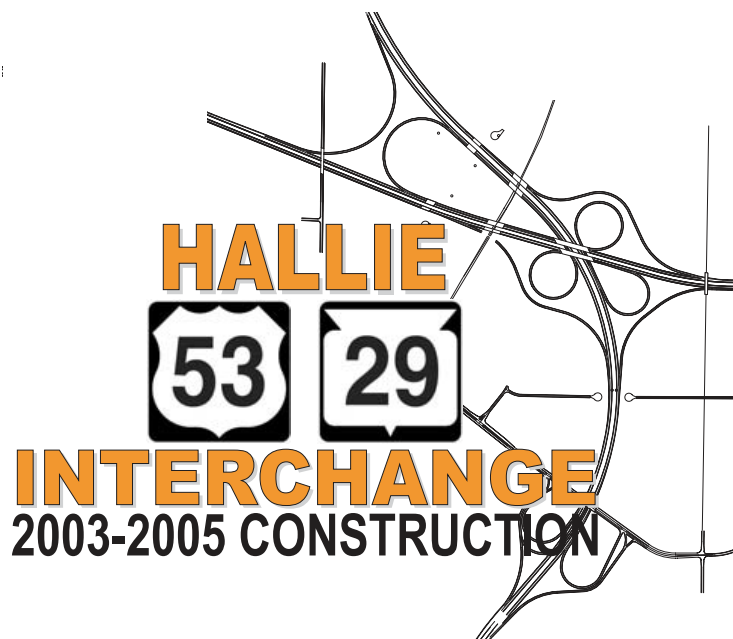
Why?

This is one of the final segments to complete WIS 29 as four lanes from Interstate 94 in Elk Mound to Green Bay. The interchange construction connects WIS 29 to the new US 53 freeway.

When?

During spring and summer 2003, US 53 traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and routed through the Chippewa County OO interchange loop. US 53 traffic will continue to be routed through the interchange loop until the entire US 53 project is completed and the WIS 29 and US 53 interchange is open.

To avoid delays, use alternate routes.



During the 2003 construction season, traffic will be affected on US 53 as connections are made between the old and new roadways.

Traffic delays of 15 minutes or more are expected during peak travel hours, particularly on Fridays and Sundays as tourists travel through the area. Delays can be minimized if local commuters use alternative routes to avoid construction zones.

See the map inside for alternate routes and check local news sources for construction updates.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) appreciates your assistance in keeping US 53 traffic flowing through the area.

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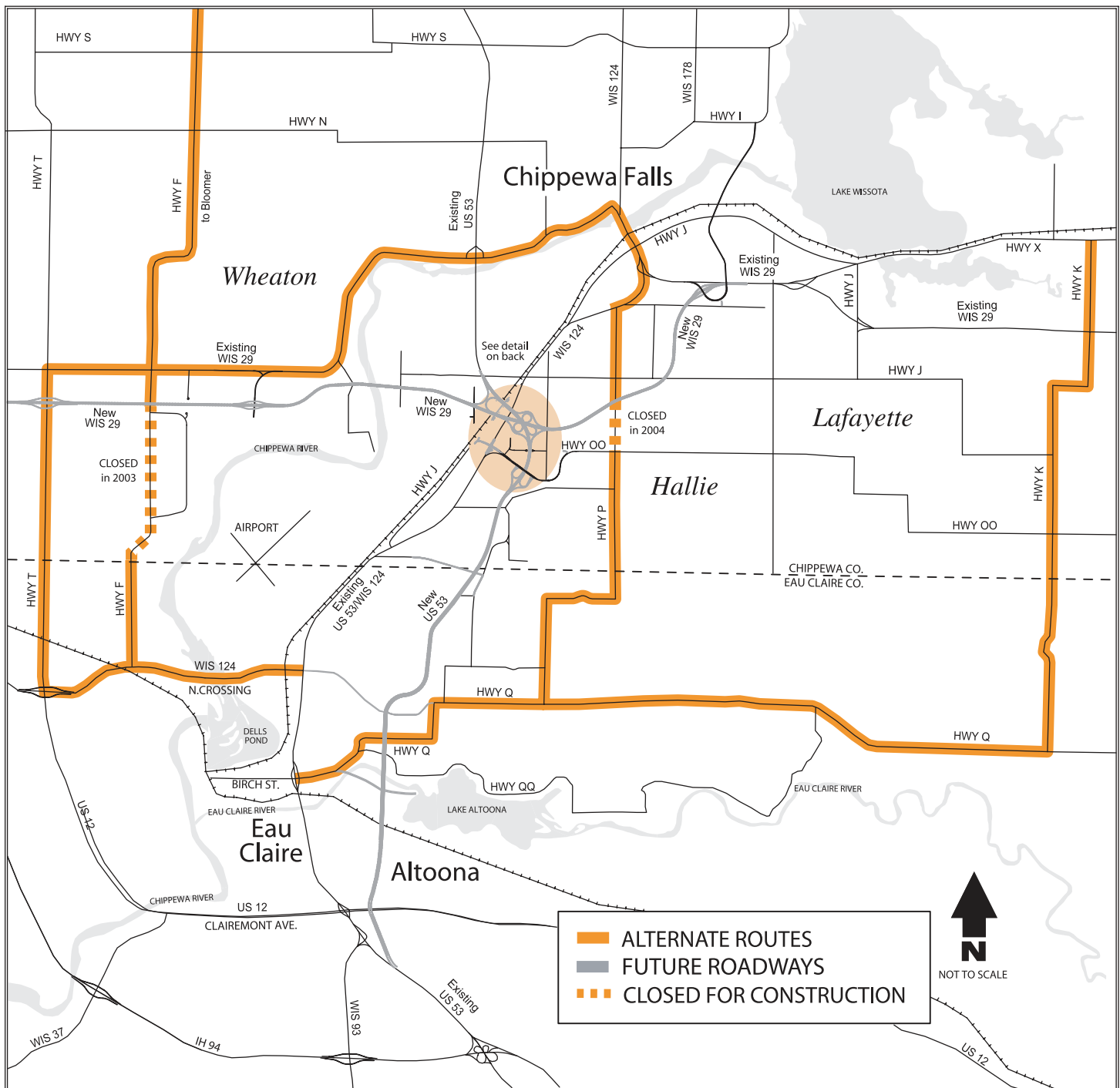
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Alternate Routes During Construction



Traveling to/from the WEST side of Eau Claire to US 53 or Chippewa Falls:

- County Highway T using WIS 124 (North Crossing) and existing WIS 29.
- County Highway F using WIS 124 (North Crossing) and existing WIS 29 or continuing on County Highway F north to US 53 in Bloomer.

Traveling to/from the **EAST side of Eau Claire to US 53 or Chippewa Falls:**

- County Highway P using County Highway Q.
- County Highway K using County Highway Q or continuing north to Lake Wissota area.